

REMARKS

Applicants have filed herewith a Response to Notice to Comply With Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, and a Sequence Listing. Applicants are filing this amendment to add the Sequence Listing to the application. The Sequence Listing is the same as that filed in parent application No. 09/688,990, and does not add new matter. Applicants respectfully submit that entry of this Preliminary Amendment is therefore proper and courteously request that the Office do so.

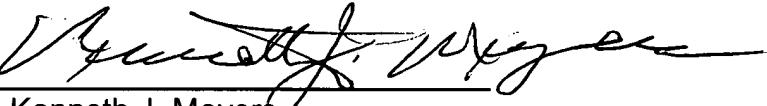
If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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